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SUBJECT: EAL-ARAB AID TO SYRIA

REF: KUWAIT 3759

1. LOCAL DAILY AL-SIYASSA WHOSE CORRESPONDENT WAS RECENTLY IN DAMASCUS REPORTED DECEMBER 29 THAT SYRIA HAS SO FAR RECEIVED ONLY \$140 MILLION OF \$340 MILLION PROMISED BY WEALTHY ARAB STATES. SIYASSA CLAIMS FIGURES PUBLISHED BY BEIRUT PRESS DURING OCTOBER WAR OF ARAB FINANCIAL AID TO SYRIA WERE "HIGHLY EXAGGERATED".

2. ACCORDING SIYASSA REPORT, BREAKDOWN OF DISBURSEMENTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

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COUNTRY	PROMISED	PAID TO DATE
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SAUDI ARABIA	\$100 MILLION	\$40 MILLION
KUWAIT	\$100 "	\$60 "
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	\$100 "	NONE
LIBYA	\$ 20 "	\$20 MILLION
ALGERIA	\$ 20 "	\$20 "

3. COMMENT: WE, OF COURSE, CANNOT VOUCH FOR ABOVE FIGURES. AS FOR KUWAIT, HOWEVER, IN MEETING WITH PRESS DECEMBER 29, MINISTER FINANCE AND OIL ATIQUI ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMED THAT GOK HAS PAID \$60 MILLION \$100 MILLION PROMISED SYRIA. IN ADDITION TO KD 100 MILLION (KD 1 - \$3.38) AUTHORIZED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR EGYPT AND SYRIA WE UNDERSTAND APPROXIMATELY KD 25-30 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED BY PRIVATE SOURCES HERE, INCLUDING KD 1 MILLION DONATED BY AMIR AND \$2 MILLION DONATED BY GULF OIL COMPANY. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW THESE FUNDS ARE BEING D STRIBUTED BUT THEY PRESUMABLY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN GENERAL CALCULATIONS OF HOW MUCH GOK HAS GIVEN TO SYRIA AND/OR EGYPT FOR WAR EFFORT. NOR ARE THE SUBSTANTIAL EGYPTIAN LOAN PAYMENTS TO KUWAIT WHICH HAVE BEEN DEFERRED NORMALLY INCLUDED.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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